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1. The engineer regiment (presumably the pontoon bridge regiment) of the GSOVG in Bernburg and the corps engineer battalions of the four rifle corps are believed to be the only engineer units in East Germany equipped with tanks. No other engineer units of the Soviet Army in Germany have been reported to have tanks.
2. However, it is possible that the 133rd Engineer Battalion of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division may have some tanks, in view of a discrepancy in the tank-turret numbers observed in Grimma. The 21st Guards Mechanized Regiment, belonging to this division and stationed at Grimma, has tanks with turret numbers between 751 and 779. Tanks with numbers from 700 to 709 appeared in Grimma in May 1953, and may perhaps be explained as pertaining to the engineer battalion.

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